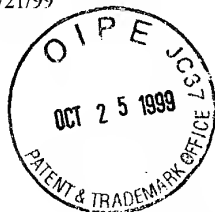


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A microscope slide stainer with random access slide staining capability comprising:  
a moving platform;

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